

1953 Rights of Way Committee Report

To the citizens of Nantucket, this committee submits the following facts and recommendations:

Our recommendations of 1952 have been carried out as follows: Up to date, 25 roads leading to the shores and water have been marked with cement posts, marked public way. Enough posts are now on hand to mark the balance of the ways to the water during the Spring months. Plans and petitions for the acquiring and setting up of shore reservations, one at South Beach and one at Smith's Point, have been filed with the General Court, these being Articles 73, 74 and 75 in the last year's warrant.

Through the efforts of this committee, and the Highway Department, notice of entry has been filed on 43 roads and streets, so they will be secure, as several were lost in the past through failure to do so.

A 20-foot way from Easton Street to the water near Brant Point has been obtained from the Government and with a portion of our funds a fence has been erected on the southeast side according to Government requirements.

The Committee has brought to the attention of the County Commissioners the fact that a cement block garage has been built across Squam Road as legally laid out and action is being taken to right the matter; also the fact that a septic tank was installed in Spruce Street which, according to report, has now been moved.

A street from Hulbert Avenue to the water has a fence across it, which will be removed, and a cement post will be erected marking same as a road to the shore.

A 20-foot road into Shimmo Creek has been given to the town and is now awaiting survey.

Articles are being inserted in the warrant for this town meeting for the purchase of a section of land at Surfside on the west side of School Street, extending 425 feet along the ocean and having a Land Court title; an undivided interest in about 400 feet of Mioxes Pond, this is a gift.

An article to take by eminent domain a section of beach on the North Shore extending from the B. F. Russell estate, 2400 feet in a westerly direction, this being one of the most popular beach areas for the Nantucket and Summer folks.

An article for the purchase of the shares in the proprietary [sic], now held by the Nantucket Cranberry Company, giving the town control over the great ponds.

We recommend that all public roads to the shores have safety posts with reflectors installed at the edges of the banks where they drop off to the beach.

This committee is receiving very fine support from both our Nantucket and Summer residents, for which we are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

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